

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended): A method for processing a parameter for an item ~~as in claim 1,~~  
~~wherein said applying said calculation code comprises initially in an electronic order~~  
~~processing system, said method comprising:~~

providing a plurality of calculation rules for calculating amounts for parameters of  
items;

associating [[a]] one or more calculation rule rules from the plurality of  
calculation rules with said a calculation code and using, wherein said the one or more  
calculation rule rules are used to produce said an amount for a parameter;

associating the calculation code with an item;

responsive to initiating application of the calculation code to the item, using the  
one or more calculation rules to produce an amount for the parameter for the item; and

providing the amount to an output device.

3. (Currently Amended): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 2,  
wherein said the calculation rule may be modified and flow-of-exeeution-amongst-(a), (b)  
and-(e) initiating application of the calculation code to the item remains the same.

4. (Original): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 2, wherein  
said output device is one of (a) a printer, (b) a display device, (c) a storage medium, (d) a  
database and (e) a connection device.

5. (Currently Amended): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 2,  
wherein said the item is one of a plurality of items, said the calculation code is one of a  
plurality of calculation codes associated with said the item and said the one or more  
calculation rule is one-of rules are selected from a plurality of calculation rules associated  
with said the calculation code.

6. (Original): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 2, wherein said associating said calculation code further comprises selectively associating said calculation code with said item.

7. (Currently Amended): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 6, wherein said ~~initially~~ the associating said the one or more calculation rule rules further comprises selectively associating said the one or more calculation rule rules with said the calculation code.

8. (Currently Amended): A method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 7, wherein said the using said the one or more calculation rule rules further comprises selectively using said the one or more calculation rule rules to produce said the amount.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system ~~as in claim 9~~ for use in an ordering system responsive to a transaction request associated with an item, said electronic order processing system comprising:

a computer receiving the transaction request; and

a program executed on the computer for processing the transaction request and processing a parameter for the item, the program comprising:

a plurality of calculation rules for calculating amounts for parameters of items;

an association module for associating a calculation code with the item;

a calculation module for applying the calculation code to the item to produce an amount for a parameter for the item, wherein said the calculation module initially associates [[a]] one or more calculation rule rules with said the calculation code and, responsive to initiating application of the calculation code to the item, uses said the one or more calculation rule rules to produce said the amount for the parameter for the item; and

an application module for providing the amount to an output device.

11. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 10, wherein said the calculation rule may be modified and flow of execution amongst (a), (b) and (c) initiating application of the calculation code to the item remains the same.

12. (Original): An electronic order processing system as in claim 10, wherein said output device is one of (a) a printer, (b) a display device, (c) a storage medium, (d) a database and (e) a connection device.

13. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 10, wherein said the item is one of a plurality of items, said the calculation code is one of a plurality of calculation codes associated with said the item and said the one or more calculation rule is one of rules are selected from a plurality of calculation rules associated with said the calculation code.

14. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 10, wherein said first association module selectively associates said calculation code with said item.

15. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 14, wherein said the calculation module selectively associates said the one or more calculation rule rules with said the calculation code.

16. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 15, wherein said the calculation module selectively uses said the one or more calculation rule rules to produce said the amount.

17-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended): A computer program product, in a computer readable medium, embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 25, the method comprising the steps of:

providing a plurality of calculation rules for calculating amounts for parameters of items;

wherein said applying said calculation code comprises initially associating [[a]] one or more calculation rule rules from the plurality of calculation rules with said a calculation code and using, wherein said the one or more calculation rule rules are used to produce said an amount for a parameter;

associating the calculation code with an item;

responsive to initiating application of the calculation code to the item, using the one or more calculation rules to produce an amount for the parameter for the item; and providing the amount to an output device.

27. (Currently Amended): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 26, wherein said the calculation rule may be modified and flow of execution amongst (a), (b) and (c) initiating application of the calculation code to the item remains the same.

28. (Original): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 26, wherein said output device is one of (a) a printer, (b) a display device, (c) a storage medium, (d) a database and (e) a connection device.

29. (Original): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 26, wherein said the item is one of a plurality of items, said the calculation code is one of a plurality of calculation codes associated with said the item and said the one or more calculation rule is one of rules are selected from a plurality of calculation rules associated with said the calculation code.

30. (Original): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 26, wherein said associating said calculation code further comprises selectively associating said calculation code with said item.

31. (Currently Amended): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 30, wherein said ~~initially~~ the associating said the one or more calculation rule rules further comprises selectively associating said the one or more calculation rule rules with said the calculation code.

32. (Currently Amended): A computer program embodying a method for processing a parameter for an item as in claim 31, wherein said ~~the~~ using said the one or more calculation rule rules further comprises selectively using said the one or more calculation rule rules to produce said the amount.

33. (Canceled)

34. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system ~~as in claim 33, wherein~~ said ~~applying said calculation code comprises initially comprising:~~

a computer-readable information storage medium;

a procedure encoded on said storage medium for processing a parameter for an item, said procedure comprising:

providing a plurality of calculation rules for calculating amounts for parameters of items;

associating ~~[[a]]~~ one or more calculation rule rules from the plurality of calculation rules with said a calculation code and using, wherein said the one or more calculation rule rules are used to produce said an amount for a parameter;

associating the calculation code with an item;

responsive to initiating application of the calculation code to the item,

using the one or more calculation rules to produce an amount for the parameter for the item; and

providing the amount to an output device.

35. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 34, wherein said ~~the~~ calculation rule may be modified and ~~flow of execution amongst (a), (b) and (c)~~ initiating application of the calculation code to the item remains the same.

36. (Original): An electronic order processing system as in claim 34, wherein said output device is one of (a) a printer, (b) a display device, (c) a storage medium, (d) a database and (e) a connection device.

37. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 34, wherein said the item is one of a plurality of items, said the calculation code is one of a plurality of calculation codes associated with said the item and said the one or more calculation rule is one of rules are selected from a plurality of calculation rules associated with said the calculation code.

38. (Original): An electronic order processing system as in claim 34, wherein said associating said calculation code further comprises selectively associating said calculation code with said item.


39. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 38, wherein said initially the associating said the one or more calculation ~~rule~~ rules further comprises selectively associating said the one or more calculation ~~rule~~ rules with said the calculation code.

40. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim 39, wherein said the using said the one or more calculation ~~rule~~ rules further comprises selectively using said the one or more calculation ~~rule~~ rules to produce said the amount.

41. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system for processing a parameter for an item in a distributed network having a first computer and a second computer, said system comprising:

a computer-readable modulated carrier signal;

a first initiation code embedded in said signal sent from said first computer to said second computer, said first initiation code to initiate a first module for associating a calculation code with said item;



a second initiation code embedded in said signal sent from said first computer to said second computer, said second initiation code to initiate a second module for applying said calculation code to said item to produce an amount, wherein said second module further comprises initially associating one or more calculation rules with said calculation code and, responsive to initiating application of the calculation code to the item, using the one or more calculation rules to produce the amount; and

a third initiation code embedded in said signal sent from said first computer to said second computer, said third initiation code to initiate a third module for providing said amount to an output device.

42. (Canceled)

43. (Currently Amended): An electronic order processing system as in claim ~~[[40]]~~ 41, wherein said second computer receives said signals and each operation within each of said first module, said second module and said third module may be modified and flow of execution amongst said first module, said second module remains the same.

44. (Original): An electronic order processing system as in claim 41, wherein said second computer receives said signals and each operation within each of said first module, said second module and said third module may be modified and flow of execution amongst said first module, said second module remains the same.